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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, and no fees are believed to be necessary.

CN 1197573 included in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in an Office Action issued by the Patent Office of the People's Republic of China on January 2, 2004. A copy of the Office Action and the English-language translation of the Office Action are enclosed

for the Examiner's consideration. The relevance of CN 1197573 can be understood from the corresponding EP 0 847 195, which is included in this Information Disclosure Statement, as well as from the enclosed Office Action.


A copy of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the enclosed Office Action and listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

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CN 1197573	10/28/98	CN				X
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